



SUSSEX CRICKET BOARD

Sussex Cricket Board Newsletter May 2007

NatWest CricketForce



Over the weekend of 31st March and 1st April, 43 Sussex clubs took part in NatWest CricketForce 2007, the highest ever in Sussex.

Fourteen of the professional playing staff were accompanied by the Club's staff and Committee visiting over 20 clubs during the weekend.

The event will have a huge impact on recreational cricket with all clubs undertaking a huge amount of work to improve the standard of their playing facilities for the season.

This alone will have a very positive influence on the quality of cricket played in Sussex, but the real legacy is about the community involvement in these clubs. Many of them reported a very high number of volunteers and also of building materials and equipment either being donated or given at reduced cost by local companies.

The community spirit shown from local to county level was overwhelming and augurs well for the future of the game.

Gus Mackay, the Sussex CCC Chief Executive, spent time at Bells Yew Green assisting with painting the pavilion, 'This was a fabulous experience and it was wonderful to see the county's top players, such as Chris Adams, Michael Yardy and Matt Prior, getting their hands dirty helping a local club [Bells Yew Green] prepare for the new season. The responsibility of strengthening this game lies with us all and grass roots cricket is vital to provide an arena for the county players of the future. The NatWest CricketForce weekend was a great occasion for all involved and a event that the County is proud to be associated with.'

To see some pictures of the staff and players in action, go to www.sussexcb.play-cricket.com

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Rewarding Volunteers & NatWest OSCAS

To recognise the army of Sussex cricketing volunteers Sussex Cricket has formed a new scheme. The Sussex Cricket Board and Sussex County Cricket Club have joined forces to say 'thank you' to those who give so much of their time so generously to enhance the cricketing experience of others.

Supporting the army of volunteers has been identified as a key issue for Sussex Cricket's future.

Volunteers provide a myriad of services that are essential to the survival of the sport, including fund-raising, groundsmanship, coaching, umpiring and scoring just to name a few.

Their enthusiasm and energy drives each club and ensures the recruitment and retention of players.

In order to support clubs to recruit & reward volunteers, SCB has put in place a volunteer coordinator scheme in Brighton & Hove, funded by Legal & General. It is hoped this will be extended to the whole county in the future. However, part of the scheme will involve a reward scheme for volunteers across the county. More information will be available on this shortly so watch this space.....

In the meantime, why not nominate a volunteer for a NatWest OSCA (Outstanding Service to

Cricket Award). This is your chance to say thank you to some of those volunteers who we all rely so heavily on. All candidates nominated by a SCB affiliated club or organisation will be invited to an event at a SCCC Pro 40 game



and 10 will receive complimentary membership for SCCC in 2008. The top nominees will be put forward to attend the OSCAS themselves at Lord's on 15th October.

For more information and to nominate go to www.ecb.co.uk/ecb/volunteers/oscas2007-nominations,1086,BP.html

Cricket Telecom U10 Cup

The Under 10's Cricket Telecom Trophy is set to continue in 2007, thanks to our sponsorship with **Cricket Telecom** who, in conjunction with **Sportsmatch**, will be supporting the competition once more.

The Cricket Telecom Trophy will consist of four regional tournaments around the county in the search for eight teams to compete in the Grand Final, which will be

held under the floodlights at the County Ground on Sunday 2nd September.

Also, every team that enters the tournament will be entitled to a complimentary Kwik Cricket Kit and three places for club helpers on an ECB Introductory Course, free of charge.

An application form and Rules can be downloaded at www.sussexcb.play-cricket.com



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Dates and Venues as below:

EASTBOURNE CC	SUNDAY 3RD JUNE
WORTHING CC	SUNDAY 10TH JUNE
PRESTON NOMADS CC	SUNDAY 1ST JULY
BILLINGSHURST CC	SUNDAY 1ST JULY

RDF Roadshows

Sussex Cricket has launched a new initiative over the winter. The RDF Cricket Roadshow is a cricketing spectacle that aims to throw school children head first into Sussex Cricket. The shows' aim is to be fun, exciting, all action and informative, providing the children with games, activities and challenges relating to the sport as well passing on information regarding local clubs.

The roadshow is now nearing its final stop on its 5 month tour of the sports colleges in the county. At the time of writing approximately 2,000 children from over 30 junior schools have experienced the show and taken part in the cricket activities as well as having the chance to meet some of the Sussex professional and academy players, seeing the County Championship and C&G trophies and even having their photos taken with Sid the Shark!

The RDF Roadshow has been funded by a grant of £45,000 from RDF and a Sportsmatch grant of £45,000 for a 3 year period. More information regarding the roadshow can be found on www.sussexcricket.co.uk/fanzone/roadshow



CRICKET ROADSHOW

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Matt Parsons
RDF Roadshow Coordinator

Women & Girls Cricket on the Rise!

There are a number of things happening in Sussex with Women & Girls' cricket.

For a number of years there has been a Women's national and Southern senior league, with two club teams involved; Brighton & Hove and Horsham.

Brighton & Hove have won the national premier league three times and last year Horsham won the Southern division three league.

As more Women's clubs have been formed over the last few years, in 2006 a senior 20/20 8-a-side league was formed in Sussex where six teams were involved;

Bells Yew Green, Cuckfield, Hastings, Horsham, Steyning and St Peter's.

The forthcoming season sees a further three teams involved in the league; Preston Nomads, Brighton & Hove and Seaford.

This season there will also be a senior cup competition, which will be 11-a-side and 40 overs.

For the last couple of years there has been a girls' WELDCA under 13 and under 16 league and with more clubs now with a girls' section the league has been going from strength to strength.

This year there are 8 clubs involved in the under 13 league and 6 clubs in the under 16 league.

There are also three festivals being run during the summer, an under 13 Lady Taverners and under 15 Lady Taverners tournament and an under 11 festival. These festivals are 8-a-side and open to any club who have girls playing cricket.

Charlotte Burton
Women & Girls Community Coach
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Funding

Grant Aid Funding Booklet

The ECB have put together a Grant Aid funding booklet which can be downloaded from www.sussexcb.play-cricket.com. The booklet provides a good overview of all sources of funding and grant aid available to clubs and is well worth a read.

England and Wales Cricket Trust - Interest Free Loan Scheme and Capital Grant



The England and Wales Cricket Trust welcomes eligible ECB affiliated cricket clubs with Junior sections to consider an interest-free loan to assist in the development of facilities on their ground.

Whether it is a sight screen or a changing room, the England and Wales Cricket Trust will allocate interest-free loans to clubs that meet set criteria up to £50,000 with a repayment period of up to ten years. Clubs with as little as 25 per cent partnership funding can apply (repayments quarterly throughout the term of the loan).

The scheme is open to any ECB affiliated cricket club with a junior section. There is no application form for the loans, but clubs must submit a development plan in an approved format. In fact all funding from ECB uses this same method – so once your development plan is approved there won't be endless form filling! <http://www.ecb.co.uk/ecb/england-and-wales-cricket-trust/>

ECB have also launched a capital grant scheme, which is available for Focus Clubs only. Again there is no initial application form, but clubs need to submit a development plan in an approved format. For more information contact Andy Hobbs or John Stock.

More information on the development plans can be found on www.ecb.co.uk/clubdevelopmentplanning (this is an online tool to help you write an approved development plan).

SCB Small Grants Available

Due to a surplus from affiliation fees in 2004/2005, SCB is pleased to announce a small grant scheme for non Focus clubs. Clubs can apply for up to £250 for ground or coaching equipment / machinery. This scheme has £6,000 to distribute and will not be a continuous scheme.

For an application form contact Katie Sykes on 01273 827113, katie.sykes@sussexcricket.co.uk

Sussex CCC Shop News

The Sussex CCC shop, based at The County Ground, have a number of Readers and Gunn & Moore cricket shirts for sale at **£5.00** each. There is limited stock but we currently have a number of shirts in all sizes from Boys, Large Boys, Youths, Small, Medium, Large and Extra Large. We also have a new range of MKK (the club's official clothing suppliers) cricket shirts in stock which retail at £24.99. These come in all sizes and are cream with either navy, green or maroon piping.



A 10% discount will be given to clubs on production of this newsletter.

The shop is open Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm and on Saturday morning from 10.00am to 1.00pm

Sussex Association of Cricket Groundsmen Reformed

Lawrence Gosling (Head groundsman at Sussex CCC) and Brian Fletcher have reformed the Sussex Association of Cricket Groundsmen (SACG).

The new association was re-launched on 14th March 2007 at the County Ground, Hove with 36 groundsman from 30 clubs attending. The association will provide its members access to a trailer or high quality equipment, networking, training and workshop opportunities with other club groundsman and advice / support from Lawrence and his professional team at Hove.

The Association has already applied for a grant to upgrade the existing trailer of equipment.

To find out more information contact Lawrence (07966 636343, headgroundsman@sussexcricket.co.uk) or visit www.sussexcb.play-cricket.com

Clubmark Accreditations Achieved

Congratulations are due to West Chiltington and Thakenham CC and Worthing Chippendale CC who have become the 16th and 17th clubs in Sussex to Achieve the Clubmark Accreditation.

These 2 clubs were able to achieve accreditation just before ECB implemented some major changes to Clubmark. The criteria clubs are required to reach in order to gain accreditation have now been updated and a monitoring and evaluation process is now in place. Once clubs become accredited, they have to complete an annual health check (self declaration) and every 3 years a full reaccreditation. These changes will provide a more robust and higher quality kite mark for clubs that achieve accreditation.

More information can be found on www.sussexcb.play-cricket.com

“Building Partnerships in Sussex Cricket” Initiative

Following the wishes of the Sussex Cricket Board (SCB) and the Sussex County Cricket Club (SCCC) last year, the “Building Partnerships in Sussex Cricket” Group (BP Group) has been working towards the development of a county-wide strategic plan for the future. The composition of the BP Group is David Bowden (Chairman), John Barclay, Martin Bodenham, Hugh Griffiths, Andy Hobbs, Aqeel Janjua, Gus Mackay, Jim May, Tony Millard, Sandy Ross and Colin Wells.

It was agreed that this should be based on the principles set out in the document titled “Building Partnerships - Cricket's Strategic Plan for 2005 to 2009 – from Playground to Test Arena”, which was issued by the ECB in 2005.

That document gave a clear lead as to what could and should be done to build partnerships in Sussex and to develop a combined vision and strategy for all aspects of cricket in the county.

It is intended that the initiative will lead to a more integrated approach in all aspects of cricket in Sussex and a greater degree of cohesion, coordination and integration amongst the various and numerous stakeholders in the County.

The BP Group has undertaken a good deal of research and had discussions with other Counties and the ECB. As a result, the Group has produced an initial discussion paper, which will be presented to separate meetings of the Sussex Cricket Board the Sussex CCC Committee during May.

This will lead to the preparation of a full consultation paper, which will be sent out to all cricket clubs and other organisations affiliated to the SCB by the end of June. There will be a 9 week consultation period, with comments required by 31 August.

*David Bowden
April 2007*



Coach Education Update

The 2006-07 Coach Education Course Programme ran between October and April, with three UKCC Level 1 and three UKCC Level 2 coaching courses around the county. As a result Sussex now has 57 newly qualified Level 1 Coaching Assistants and 60 Level 2 Coaches.

In addition to these we also ran four ECB Introductory courses (including 1 womens only) and had a total of 55 participants.

The dates and venues of the UKCC Level 1 and Level 2 courses for 2007-08 will be available in June on www.sussexcb.play-cricket.com. To receive details directly please contact Katie Sykes at katie.sykes@sussexcricket.co.uk or on 01273 827113.



EXCELLENCE IN SPORTS COACHING

Child Welfare

Eddie Hick and Philip Wright (the 2 SCB County Welfare Officers) have been very active in the winter communicating with clubs re Child Welfare Issues. If you have any queries in this area they would be pleased to hear from you (contact details below).

To briefly reiterate the main 4 actions for clubs regarding child welfare:

- 1) Adoption of ECB Safe Hands Policy in the club constitution
- 2) Appoint a Club Welfare Officer who is part of the club committee
- 3) Complete CRB checks for all members who work regularly with young people
- 4) Adopt a Child Protection Policy - Eddie and Philip are drafting a template for this which will be put on www.sussexcb.play-cricket.com as soon as it is complete.

Development Team Contact Details

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Feedback - we want to hear what you think !

We would like to hear what you think about the SCB Newsletter, whether it be good or bad! Are there any specific articles you would like to see covered in future issues? Do you have anything you would like us to include? If you do, or you have any comments about our Newsletters, please let us know at development@sussexcricket.co.uk